

REMARKS

In a communication dated November 22, 2004, restriction to one of the following patentably distinct species was required under 35 USC §121:

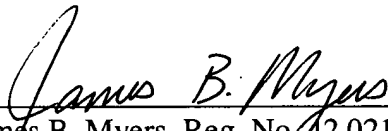
- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a piezoelectric ceramic having a defined formula
- II. Claims 20-31, drawn to a method for producing a poled piezoelectric ceramic

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-19 directed to a piezoelectric ceramic, for substantive examination, without traverse.

Please cancel claims 20-31, without prejudice, to be prosecuted in a divisional application.

Applicants respectfully request timely examination of this application leading to allowance of all elected claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if there are any questions about this Response or other issues that may be resolved in that fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

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